LONDON's *Wonder*:

Or, The Chaſte

OLD BATCHELLOR.

BEING, A

Faithful Account

OF THE

Family, Life, and Legacies

OF

Mr. SAMUEL WRIGHT,

OF

Newington-Green, in the County of *Middleſex*, Gent.

WITH

A True COPY of his LAST WILL and TESTAMENT, at large, and Remarks thereon.

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SOME

ACCOUNT

OF THE

LIFE, and FAMILY,

Of the LATE

Mr. *Samuel Wright*,

OF

Newington-Green, in the County of *Middlesex*.

PUBLIC *Benefactions*, generally occasion the most inquisitive Enquiries after their *Donor*. To satisfy, in some measure, this Curiosity,

in relation to the Party above-mentioned; We *first* applied, by *Letter*, to his Couſin *Suſannah Clark*, at *Newington*, to which ſhe did not think fit to return any Anſwer. But as our Deſign was no other than to do ſtrict Juſtice to the Memory of the Deceaſed, a *Second* Letter was ſent to Mrs. *Clark*, which fell into the Hands of one of his Executors, Mr. *Glegg*, who would not give any other Anſwer than, *That Mr.* WRIGHT *was as good a Man as ever lived.* To Mr. *Glegg*, he has approved himſelf *ſuch*, and we hope our Executor will deſerve as good a Character of his Survivors.

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However, we have had Recourſe to two un-erring *Offices* of *Intelligence*, viz. I. The *Regiſtry* of the *Prerogative Court* of *Canterbury*. II. The Pariſh Regiſter of St. ALPHAGE. We have not indeed ſearched the Archives of the *College* of *Heralds*, for the Genealogical Deſcents; or, Enoblements of the FAMILY of WRIGHT, tho' we ſhall trace it as high as the *Moſaic* Account of the Creation, and ask the good old Queſtion,

When *Adam* delv'd and *Eve* ſpan,
Who was then a *Gentleman*?

But now to do Juſtice to Mr. *Wright*, as he was ſenſible

ble of not having any Claim to Heraldic Trophies, he forbad the Uſe of them at his Funeral.

His Father plainly ſtiled himſelf THOMAS WRIGHT, of the Pariſh of St. ALPHAGE, *London-Wall*, *Wire-Drawer*, where he lived in good Repute.

He married AMY, the Daughter of, we cannot tell who, by whom he had Iſſue two Sons and a Daughter, as will hereafter appear.

THOMAS, their eldeſt Son, was Born in the Year 1662. We preſume he was alſo bred up a *Wire-Drawer*.

SAMUEL

SAMUEL, his Second Son, was Born in the Year 1680, and might, for aught we know, be likewiſe brought up to his Father's Buſineſs.

We cannot find the *Name* of the Daughter, nor is it material to our Purpoſe, what *it* was, nor when ſhe was born.

But we find that Mr. *Thomas Wright*, their Father, died in the Year 1700, in the 62d Year of his Age.

By his Will, as a Freeman of *London*, " He gave his Wife AMY, " one *Third* Part of his Effects. " Another *Third* he deviſed to his " *three* Children above-mentioned. " And the laſt *Third* he bequeathed

" in

" in Legacies. He gave his *Real*
" *Eſtate* to his eldeſt Son *Thomas*,
" made him ſole Executor, and
" directed that if any Perſon ſhould
" ſue his Executor, ſuch Perſon
" ſhould loſe the Legacy bequeath-
" ed him."

AMY, his Wife, lived *Twenty-four* Years a Widow. She died in the Year 1724, in the 86th Year of her Age.

THOMAS, the eldeſt Son, " took
" upon him the Execution of his
" Father's Will; and afterwards
" made one himſelf, whereby he
" gives, deviſes, and bequeaths,
" to his dear and loving Brother
" *Samuel*, all his *Real Eſtate* (as
" before deviſed to him by his Fa-
" ther)

" ther) and made, conſtituted and " appointed him his Sole Executor " and Reſiduary Legatee." He died in the Year 1727, in the 65th Year of his Age.

Thus, we find, the late Mr. *Wright* became poſſeſſed of all the Effects of his Father, Mother and Brother; which, together with what he had himſelf acquired, he enjoyed but the ſhort Space of Nine Years. He died *Anno* 1736, in the 56th Year of his Age.

The Legacies given by him, to his numerous Relatives evidence, that, this *Branch* of the *Family* of WRIGHT, are originally of obſcure Extraction either in the County of *Huntingdon*, or, in *Northamptonſhire*. And it appears as

 clearly,

clearly, that the Riches bequeathed by Mr. *Sam. Wright*, were acquired by his Father, Brother, and Self.

We are assured, from universal Report, that he was a very reserved Man; conversed with but few Friends, and lived a most recluse Life at *Newington*. He doubtless lived decently, as he kept a Chariot, but very far within the Compass of his extensive Fortune. But this is not to be wondered at; an hereditary *Meanness* of *Heart*, being the usual Concomitant of a *mean Extraction*. And it is an unquestionable Truth, to be deduced from many Examples, that there have been Persons in all Ages, who have *secretly* made it the *greatest* Pleasure of their Lives, to do *something*, which should occasion their

being talked of after their Deceaſe. The *true Uſe of Riches* is known to few, moſt falling into one of the Extreams, *Avarice* or *Profuſion*. When Riches are, by any Means, diſtributed, they are undoubtedly rendered uſeful to the Publick, but Poſthumous Benefactions improperly bear the Name of *Charity*, as being generally no other than the Doles of Miſers, which they cannot carry with them. Who can hear the Names of the infamous *Chartres*, *Bancroft* the Bailiff, or, that rapacious Villain *Hopkins*, without the utmoſt Deteſtation.

Wretches, who all their Life-time did employ,
To gain thoſe Riches they could ne'er enjoy.

The two firſt of theſe Brutes were infamous for all Manner of

Vices. And the Rapacity of the *laſt*, obtained him the Name of *Vultur*. He lived worthleſs, but died worth *three hundred thouſand Pounds*: Which he would give to no Perſon living, but left it ſo as not to be inherited till after the Second Generation. His Counſel repreſenting to him how many Years it muſt be, before this could take effect, and that his Money could only lie at Intereſt all that Time, he expreſſed great Joy thereat, and ſaid, *They would then be as long in ſpending, as he had been in getting it.* But the Chancery ſet aſide his Will, and gave his Money to the Heir at Law.

Avarice, in Life, is an abſolute Frenzy, without an *End* or *Purpoſe*. But a *Poſthumous Oſtentation*

tion was the ſtrong Point theſe Wretches had in View, and *Bancroft*'s *Alms-Houſe*, was to cover all the *Thefts* of his Life.

Moſt beautifully, and morally, is this Folly rallied by the learned Sir *Thomas Browne*, in his Treatiſe of Funeral Interments; *

" There is no *Antidote* (ſays he) " againſt the *Opium* of Time, " which Temporally conſidereth " all Things; our Fathers find their " Graves in our ſhort Memories; " and ſadly tell us how we may " be buried in our Survivors.

" *Grave-Stones* tell Truth " ſcarce *Forty Years*, old Ones " being taken up, and other " Bodies laid under them; Gene-

" rations

* See *Hydriotaphia*: Or, a Diſcourſe of *Urn-Burial*. 8vo. pag. 43. *& ſeq.*

" rations pass while some Trees
" stand, and old Families last not
" *Three Oaks*. To be read, like
" many, by bare Inscriptions; to
" hope for Eternity by Ænigmati-
" cal Epithets, or first Letters of our
" Names, to be studied by Anti-
" quaries, WHO *we were*, and
" have NEW-*Names* given us, like
" many of the *Mummies*, are
" cold Consolations, unto the Stu-
" dents of Perpetuity, even by
" everlasting Languages.

" To be content that Times to
" come should only know there
" *was* such a *Man*, not caring
" whether they know *more* of *Him*,
" was a *frigid Ambition*. Who
" cares to subsist like *Hippocrates*'s
" Patients; or *Achilles*'s Horses
" in *Homer*, under naked Nomi-

" nations,

" nations, without Deſerts and no-
" ble Acts, which are the Balſom
" of our Memories, the *Entelechia*
" and Soul of our Subſiſtences.

" To be *nameleſs* in *worthy*
" *Deeds*, exceeds an *infamous*
" *Hiſtory*. The *Canaanitiſh*-Wo-
" man lives more happily *without*
" a *Name*, than *Herodias* with
" *one*. And who had not rather
" have been the *Good-Thief* than
" *Pilate*."

Miſerly-Muckworms can only live in Plaiſter, Brick, or Stone; they have not the leaſt Title to Humanity, but juſtly become the Scorn and Contempt of Mankind. But the living-Donor, who makes GOD his *Banker*, lays up *his Treaſure in Heaven, where neither*

ther Moth nor Ruſt can corrupt, neither can Thieves break through or ſteal. He is the hourly Praiſe and Admiration of his Neighbour.

On a Grave-Stone in the Chancel of St. ALPHAGE, *are the following Epitaphs,* viz.

THOMAS WRIGHT, of this Pariſh, Citizen of *London*, departed this Life *Nov.* 26. 1706, in the 62d Year of his Age. In Memory of whom his affectionate Wife AMY laid this Stone, who died *Feb.* 3. 1724, in the 86th Year of her Age.

And cloſe adjoining lieth,

THOMAS, the eldeſt Son of the above THOMAS and AMY, who died *March* 25. 1727, in the 65th Year of his Age. Alſo,

SAMUEL WRIGHT, Gent. late of *Newington-Green*, who died the *July*, 1736, aged 56 Years.

A TRUE

COPY

OF THE

Laſt Will and Teſtament

OF

SAMUEL WRIGHT,

OF

Newington - Green, Gent.

IN the Name of God, Amen. I *Samuel Wright*, of the Pariſh of *Iſlington*, in the County of *Middleſex*, Gent. being at this Time of perfect Mind and Underſtanding, for which praiſed be Almighty God, and

conſidering the Uncertainty when, but Certainty of Death, do in the Fear of God, whoſe I am, and do endeavour to ſerve, make this my Laſt Will and Teſtament, hereby revoking all other and former Wills by me heretofore made. My Soul I do perfectly reſign unto my bleſſed Redeemer *Jeſus Chriſt*, in, and through, whom alone, and his glorious Merits and Redemption, I humbly hope for eternal Happineſs and Salvation; and my Body I commit to the Earth, in Truſt and Faith of a joyful Reſurrection to everlaſting Felicity and Happineſs, to be decently interred at the Diſcretion of my Executors herein after named; and as for ſuch worldly Eſtate as God in his infinite Mercy has beſtowed upon me, I will, give, deviſe, and bequeath the ſame as followeth:

Imprimis, I do Will that all my Debts and Funeral Expences ſhall be juſtly paid.

Item, I give to my Couſin *Suſannah Clark*, the Sum of two thouſand Pounds, to be paid her within three Months after my Deceaſe.

Item,

Item, I give to my ſaid Couſin *Suſannah Clark*, all that my Eſtate, at or near *Great Paxton* in the County of *Huntingdon*, with all the Rents and Profits thereof (without Waſte) for her Uſe and Behoof, during and until her natural Life be ended, and thenceforward after her Deceaſe, I will, give, deviſe, and bequeath the ſaid Eſtate, at, or near *Great Paxton* aforeſaid, unto my Couſin *John Wright*, the Son of *Arthur Wright*, and who now liveth at *Creke* in *Northamptonſhire*, to him and his Heirs for ever.

Item, I give to the ſaid *John Wright*, the Sum of one thouſand Pounds, to be paid him as ſoon as conveniently may be.

Item, I give to his Brothers, *Arthur*, *Robert*, and *Oliver*, one hundred Pounds apiece, or to each.

Item, I give to my Couſin *John Wright*, Son of *John Wright* of *Creke*, deceaſed, the Sum of two hundred Pounds, and to his Daughter *Mary Wright*, the Sum of three hundred Pounds.

Item, I give to my Couſin *James Fiſher*, the Sum of five hundred Pounds.

Item, To his Siſter *Elizabeth*

Buſme, ſenior, the Sum of two hundred Pounds.

Item, To Couſin *Thomas Clark*, the Sum of five hundred Pounds.

Item, To his Siſter *Rebecca Horner*, the Sum of five hundred Pounds.

Item, To *Thomas Gardiner* of *Brackley*, *Northamptonſhire*, the Sum of five hundred Pounds.

Item, To his three Siſters, *Elizabeth*, *Amy*, and *Anne*, the Sum of two hundred Pounds to each, and to *Sarah Strickland*, one Shilling.

Item, To Mrs. *Jane Glegg*, Mrs. *Mary Woodcock*, Mr. *Edward Woodcock*, the Sum of five hundred Pounds to each.

Item, To the two Sons of Mr. *Thomas Glegg*, viz. *Thomas* and *Edward*, five hundred Pounds to each.

Item, To *Anne Citizen*, the Sum of one hundred Pounds.

Item, To my Friend *Roger Jenyns*, Eſq; the Sum of five hundred Pounds.

Item, To my Friend *Joſeph Speed*, the Sum of two hundred Pounds.

Item, To *Nathaniel Barton*, the Sum of two hundred Pounds.

Item, To my three Executors hereafter named, the Sum of one thouſand Pounds each, and more, the Sum of twenty

twenty Pounds each, to buy Mourning.

Item, To ſix Nonconformiſt Miniſters of good Life and Converſation, that are not worth two hundred Pounds each in the World, the Sum of one hundred Pounds to each.

Item, To ſix honeſt ſober Clergymen, of Temper, and moderate charitable Principles to their diſſenting Bretheren, that are not worth two hundred Pounds each, or provided with a Living upwards of Forty Pounds a Year, the Sum of one hundred Pounds to each.

Item, To forty poor decayed Families, that have come to Poverty purely by Loſſes and Misfortunes unavoidable, the Sum of one hundred Pounds to each.

Item, To forty poor Widows upwards of fifty Years of Age, that are not worth fifty Pounds any one of them in the World, the Sum of fifty Pounds to each.

Item, To forty poor Maidens whoſe Parents have formerly lived well, and now come to decay, and have not one hundred Pounds each to their Portion, the Sum of one hundred Pounds to each,

Item,

Item, To twenty poor Boys, to cloath and put out to Apprentice, the Sum of fifty Pounds to each.

It is to be obſerved, that all the above Charities are to be performed at the Diſcretion and Choice of my Executors, the Qualifications being duly weighed and conſidered.

Item, To the Society for Reformation of Manners, the Sum of five hundred Pounds.

Item, To the Society for propagating the Goſpel in Foreign Parts, the Sum of five hundred Pounds.

Item, To *Chriſt-Church-Hoſpital*, the Sum of one thouſand Pounds.

Item, To my Couſin *John Dunn*, the Sum of five hundred Pounds

Item, To St. *Thomas's - Hoſpital*, the Sum of one thouſand Pounds.

Item, To *Bethlehem-Hoſpital*, the Sum of one thouſand Pounds.

Item, To the new Part built for Incurables, the Sum of one thouſand Pounds.

Item, To St. *Bartholomew's-Hoſpital*, the Sum of one thouſand Pounds.

Item,

Item, To the Work-Houſe in *Biſhopſgate-Street*, *London*, the Sum of one thouſand Pounds.

Item, To my Servants that ſhall live with me at my Deceaſe, the Sum of one hundred Pounds to each.

Item, To the Priſoners in *Ludgate*, the Sum of five hundred Pounds.

Item, To the Priſoners in the *Fleet* Priſon, the Sum of four hundred Pounds.

Item, To the Priſoners in the *Marſhalſea*, *Southwark*, the Sum of three hundred Pounds.

Item, To the Priſoners in *Whitechapel* Priſon, the Sum of three hundred Pounds.

Item, To the Poor at *Great Paxton*, and to the Poor at *Lubenham*, and to the Poor at *Iſlington*, and to the Poor in *Bow* Pariſh, by *Old-Ford*, and to the Poor of St. *Alphage*, *London*, the Sum of fifty Pounds to each of the ſaid Pariſhes.

I deſire it may be obſerved, that the above Charities to each of the Priſons and Poor of the Pariſhes, is to be paid and diſtributed as upon Examination, and in Diſcretion, my Executors ſhall

ſhall judge beſt, and not otherwiſe.

Item, I give to *John Barnes* of *Lubenham*, one hundred and fifty Pounds.

Item, To *William Iliffe* of the ſame Place, one hundred Pounds.

Item, To *Job Bull* of the ſame Place, eighty Pounds.

Item, To *Samuel Sprigg*, fifty Pounds.

Item, To *William Thompſon*, twenty Pounds.

Item, To *Henry Hitchcock*, *Thomas Palmer*, *William King*, *John Luck*, *John Andrewes*, *Richard Norton*, *William Wade*, *Joſeph Tilley*, *Richard Paine*, *John Tomkins*, or whoever occupies the ſame at my Deceaſe, the Sum of ten Pounds to each; to *John Bate* of the ſame Place, the Sum of five Pounds.

Item, To the Parſon of *Lubenham*, the Sum of twenty Pounds.

Item, To the Diſſenting Miniſter at *Harborough*, the Sum of thirty Pounds.

Item, To *John Danns* of the *Clink* at *Great Paxton* in the County of *Hunting-*

Huntingdon, the Sum of one hundred Pounds.

Item, To *John Petty* of the ſame Place, the Sum of eighty Pounds.

Item, To —— *Poope* and *Thomas Moore*, to *John Moreton*, to----*Emery*, to *Thomas Gutteridge*, the Sum of ten Pounds to each.

Item, To Mr. *James Benſon* of St. *Neots*, the Sum of fifty Pounds.

Item, To Mr. *Richard Sheldon* of the ſame Place, the Diſſenting Miniſter, the Sum of fifty Pounds.

Item, To *James Hugget*, junior, my Tenant near *Old-Ford*, at the *Three Colts* in *Bow* Pariſh, the Sum of one hundred Pounds.

Item, I give and bequeath all that my Eſtate, Manor, or reputed Manor of *Lubnam*, alias *Lubenham*, in the County of *Leiceſter*, or in *Northamptonſhire*, and any Part or Parcels of Land near adjacent, together with all Houſes, Barns, Stables, or any other Buildings on the Premiſſes whatſoever, as alſo, all that my other Eſtate in *Lubnam*, alias *Lubenham*, that is to ſay, the great and ſmall Tythes, Oblations, &c. unto my Kinſman *John Wright*, who now lives at *Creke*, and

is the Son of *Arthur Wright* of the ſame Place in *Northamptonſhire*, deceaſed, I ſay I give and bequeath both the ſaid Eſtates to him, the ſaid *John Wright* and his Heirs for ever, *hoping, expecting, and deſiring, the Poſſeſſors thereof, will at all Times do the beſt Service they can for the true Intereſt of their Country, and the Proteſtant Religion.*

Item, I give and bequeath to Mr. *Thomas Glegg*, Banker in *Lombard-Street*, *London*, all that my Eſtate commonly called *Three-Colt-Farm*, in the Pariſh of *Bow*, near *Old-Ford*, *Middleſex*, together with the Houſe, Barns, Stables, *&c.* to him and his Heirs for ever, *hoping, expecting, and deſiring, the Poſſeſſors thereof, will at all Times do the beſt Service they can for the true Intereſt of their Country, and the Proteſtant Religion.*

Item, I give and bequeath whatever Surplus or Remainder of Money (if any) ſhall be, after the true paying and ſatisfying all the the aforenamed Expences, Bequeſts and Legacies, I ſay, I give the ſaid Overplus to be diſtributed and paid, to the Widows

or Orphans of Nonconformiſt Miniſters, not being any of them at ſuch Time of Diſtribution worth, (*bona fide*) upwards of one hundred Pounds in the World, and the Widows being then upwards of fifty Years of Age. I ſay, to be paid in ſuch Proportions, and to ſuch Numbers only, be the ſame more or leſs, as my Executors ſhall agree to, and judge meet and fit. And I do hereby conſtitute and appoint Mr. *Thomas Glegg*, Mr. *Joſeph Paice*, and Mr. *Joſeph Speed*, my Executors of this my Laſt Will and Teſtament.

Moreover, I give and bequeath unto my above-mentioned Couſin *Suſannah Clarke*, one of the two Houſes, Out-Houſes, Garden and Orchard thereto belonging, ſituate at *Newington-Green*, together with all Things fixed thereunto, as alſo, all my Plate, Linen, Rings, Bedding, and all my Houſehold Furniture, whatever; I ſay, I give and bequeath which of the two Houſes ſhe ſhall forthwith after my Deceaſe make choice of, to her and her Heirs for ever, and alſo whatever Goods or Money ſhall be in the Cloſet at Mrs. *Bache*'s in *Dove-Court*, *Lombard-Street*, *London*; and the other Houſe

ſhe ſhall not make Choice of, I give and bequeath unto Mr. *Thomas Glegg* the Banker, and to his Heirs for ever.

In Witneſs whereof, I have hereunto ſet my Hand and Seal, the 22*d* Day of *Auguſt*, *Annoque Domini*, one Thouſand, ſeven Hundred, and thirty five, and in the ninth Year of our Sovereign Lord *George* the Second, by the Grace of God, of *Great-Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Samuel Wright.

Signed, Sealed, Delivered and Publiſhed, by the aforenamed *Samuel Wright*, as his Laſt Will and Teſtament, in the Preſence of us, whoſe Names are under-written, and ſubcribed in his Preſence by us,

William Bedell, Scrivener in *Threadneedle-Street.*
Thomas Moor, his Clerk.
Samuel Hurſt.

I de-

I desire my Funeral may be performed in a grave, decent, not in a pompous Manner.

I would have no *Blue-Coat* Boys, nor Parish Boys at my Funeral, nor any Escutcheons, Guidons, or the like.

I would have Gold Rings given, about twenty Shillings, or not exceeding one Guinea each in Value.

I would be buried by my dear Father and Mother in St. *Alphage-Church, London.*

And altho' I have omitted it in my Will, yet I do hereby desire, and require my Executors to pay to each of my Servants that shall remain with me at my Decease, the Sum of six Pounds to buy them Mourning, and also to each of the Persons undernamed, and written with my own Hand, the Sum of twelve Pounds to buy them Mourning, over and above the several Bequests or Legacies, I have left them in my Will, *viz.* To *John Wright*, Son of *Arthur Wright*, to *James Fisher*, to *John Dunn*, to *John Wright*, Son of *John Wright*, to *Thomas Gardiner*, to Mrs. *Jane Glegg*, to her Sister Mrs. *Mary Woodcock*,

cock, to Mr. *Edward Woodcock*, to *Thomas* and *Edward Glegg*, to my Friend *Roger Jenyns*, Esq; to my Cousin *Susannah Clark*, to Mrs. *Elizabeth Horner*, to Mr. *Thomas Clark*.

Witness my Hand, *Anno* 1735.

Samuel Wright.

And whereas, some or other base, wicked, malicious tempered People, may after my Decease (I living and dying unmarried) raise, contrive, and publish, some vile, false Story or other, I do hereby under my Hand, and in the Presence of Almighty God, and his Holy Angels, before whom I am going to appear, declare to all the World, that I never carnally knew any Woman whatsoever, as a Man does his Wife, nor ever was under any Contract or Engagement with any Woman directly or indirectly, upon any Account whatsoever.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand in *Newington-Green*, this 15*th* Day of *October*, 1735.

Samuel Wright.

And

And whereas, by my Will I have left to my Couſin *James Fiſher*, the Sum of five hundred Pounds for himſelf only, I do hereby declare, and deſire, and my Intent and Will is, that the Sum of five hundred Pounds more, be paid to my ſaid Couſin *James Fiſher*, for the Uſe and Benefit of his Son *Alexander*.

As Witneſs my Hand, *June 9th*, 1736.

Samuel Wright.

June 21, 1736. Witneſs,
Thomas Glegg,
Joſ. Speed.

ABSTRACT.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
TO his Couſin *Suſannah Clark*	2000	0	0
To *John*, *Arthur*, *Robert*, and *Oliver Wright*	1300	0	0
To another *John Wright*, and his Daughter *Mary*	500	0	0
To *James Fiſher*, his Son, and Siſter	1200	0	0
To *Thomas Clark*, and his Siſter	1000	0	0
To *Thomas Gardiner*, and his three Siſters	800	0	0
To Mrs. *Jane Glegg*, Mrs. *Mary Woodcock*, and Mr. *Edward Woodcock*	1500	0	0
To Mr. *Glegg*'s two Sons	1000	0	0
To *Anne Citizen*	100	0	0

To

To *Roger Jenyns*, Esq;	500	0	0
To *Joseph Speed* and *Nathaniel Barton*	400	0	0
To his three Executors	3060	0	0
To twelve Clergymen	1200	0	0
To forty Poor Families	4000	0	0
To forty Widows	2000	0	0
To forty Maids	4000	0	0
To twenty Boys	1000	0	0
To Society for Reformation of Manners	500	0	0
Propagating the Gospel	500	0	0
Christ-Church Hospital	1000	0	0
St. *Thomas*'s-Hospital	1000	0	0
St. *Thomas*'s-Hospital	1000	0	0
St. *Bartholomew*'s-Hospital	1000	0	0
Bethlehem	2000	0	0
Bishopsgate-Workhouse	1000	0	0
Prisoners in *Ludgate*	500	0	0
the *Fleet*	400	0	0
Marshalsea	300	0	0
White-Chapel	300	0	0
To his Cousin *John Dunn*	500	0	0
To the Poor of five Parishes	250	0	0
To Mr. *Barnes*, Mr. *Iliffe*, and Mr. *Bull* of *Lubenham*	280	0	0
To Mr. *Sprigg* and Mr. *Thompson*	70	0	0
To eleven Country-Men	105	0	0
To the Parson of *Lubenham*	20	0	0
To the Dissenting Minister at *Harborough*	30	0	0
To Mr. *Danns* and Mr. *Petty* of *Paxton*	180	0	0
To five Country-Men	50	0	0
To Mr. *Benson* and Mrs. *Sheldon* of St. *Neot's*	150	0	0
To Mr. *Hugget* of *Old-Ford*	100	0	0
To 14 Persons, 12 *l.* each for Mourning	168	0	0
To *Sarah Strickland*	0	1	0
Legacies, besides Estates and Surplus Effects	36,709	1	0

A

LETTER sent to Mr. *Curll*,

In *Roſe-Street, Covent-Garden.*

SIR,

I HAVE read your Papers about the late Mr. *Samuel Wright*, and find the Matters of Fact therein related inconteſtable. His Siſter's Chriſtian Name I know not, but She married an Eminent Linen-Draper in *Cheapſide*; and was alſo Buried at St. ALPHAGE *London-Wall.*

Mr. *Wright*, their Father, tho' an Independent, and one of Mr. HOWE's Congregation, yet was a ſtrict monthly Communicant in the *Church* of *England*. He had Twenty-two Clergymen, and Diſſenting Miniſters attended his Funeral; and a Sermon was Preached for him by the Reverend Mr. *Stubbes*, and printed by Mr. *Mortlack*, in St. *Paul*'s Church Yard.

Now, as it was ſaid of the *Roman-Empire*, *Tantæ molis erat*, ſo may it be ſaid of the Eſtate raiſed and bequeathed by Mr. *Wright*'s Family; the Superſtructure of which was but Nine Shillings.

Mr. *Thomas Wright*, Senior, told me himſelf; that upon the Expiration of his Apprenticeſhip, his whole Stock was the ſmall Sum abovementioned. With this he bought a few dried Peaſe and Horſe-Beans, which he retailed out, and by his ſedulous Induſtry, did thereby ſcrape up wherewithal to buy him Working Utenſils to ſet up his Trade. But at that Time, on Account of the Publick Mourning for the USURPER, Trade was ſo dull, that the Operators in Wire-Drawing, worked for him a Farthing in an Ounce cheaper than ordinary, on Account of his punctual Payment; and to encourage the Induſtry of the poor Sort, at the End of the Week he paid them the Farthings they had abated. I viſited him within leſs than a Month of his Deceaſe, when he told me that he had ſettled his

his Affairs, and he hoped made his Peace with God, adding, that his Diligence in his Vocation had been bleſſed with the Acquirement of *Forty-Two Thouſand Pounds.*

For you are to obſerve the Period of his Beginning the World, as you Tradeſmen call it, after the Public Mourning above-mentioned, the *Reſtauration* of his moſt Sacred Majeſty King CHARLES the *Second* enſued; and then, ſuch an Effuſion of Joy and Extravagance over-run the whole Nation, that Finery ſeemed not to have any Bounds. And ſo great a Demand was there at that Time for *Gold* and *Silver Lace*, that Mr. *Wright* aſſured me, it was his own Belief, that he vended more than all his Profeſſion in *London* beſide.

I am not in the leaſt ſurprized, that the late Mr. *Wright*'s Kinſwoman, *Suſannah Clark*, nor either of his Executors, would ſend you any Particulars of their Benefactor; in ſhort, it was not in their Power to ſay *much*, and therefore Silence is better, than the *lit-*

tle they could ſay: You know the good old Maxim, *De Mortuis nil, niſi Bonum.*

If *Good*, you can't ſay of the *Dead*,
Better be *ſilent*, than ſay *Bad*.

With which I ſhall conclude; and, on all Occaſions, ſhall be pleaſed when it is in my Power to ſerve you.

Woodſtreet
13 *Sept.* 1736.

Yours, &c.

J. W.

Thus have we faithfully given an Account of the Matters of Fact relating to Mr. *Wright*'s Family; as to himſelf, more might have been expected, but Mr. *Paice* and Mr. *Speed*, who have both been by *Letter* applied to, have been pleaſed to be as ſilent as Mrs. *Clark* and Mr. *Glegg*, *Leaving his Works to praiſe him in the Gates*; and it is hoped, when they come *to ſet their Houſes in Order*, they will *follow his Example*.

The *two* following Examples, *One* of *ill-gotten-Wealth*, the *other* of true *Chriſtian-Charity*, may be of Uſe to the Public, if rightly applied.

THE

PRECEDENT of INFAMY,

VIZ.

FRANCIS CHARTRES, born in *Scotland*, was a Man infamous for all manner of Vices. When he was an Enſign *in* the Army, he was drummed *out* of the Regiment for a Cheat; he was next baniſhed *Bruſſels*, and drummed out of *Ghent* on the ſame Account. After a Hundred Tricks at the Gaming-Tables, he took to lending of Money at exorbitant Intereſt, and on great Penalties; accumulating Premium, Intereſt, and Capital, into a New Capital, and ſeizing to a Minute when the Payments became due; in a Word, by a conſtant Attendance on the Vices, Wants, and Follies of Mankind he acquired an immenſe Fortune. His Houſe was a perpetual Bawdy-Houſe. He was twice condemned for Rapes, and pardoned; but the laſt Time not without Impriſonment in *Newgate*, and large Confiſcations. He died in the

the Country of his Birth, in 1731, aged 62. The Populace at his Funeral raiſed a great Riot, almoſt tore the vile Corps out of its Coffin, and caſt Dead-Dogs, Vermin, and Offal into the Grave with it.

The following EPITAPH *contains his Character, very juſtly drawn, by his Countryman Dr.* Arbuthnot, *viz.*

Here continueth to ROT,
The Body of FRANCIS CHARTRES,
Who with an *inflexible Conſtancy*, and
Inimitable Uniformity of *Life*,
Perſiſted,
In ſpite of *Age* and *Infirmities*,
In the Practice of *every Human Vice*,
Excepting *Prodigality* and *Hypocriſy*:
His inſatiable *Avarice* exempted him from the Firſt,
His matchleſs Impudence from the *Second*.
Nor was he more ſingular in the undeviating *Pravity*
Of his *Manners*, than ſucceſsful in
Accumulating WEALTH,
For without *Trade* or *Profeſſion*,
Without *Truſt* of *Public Money*,
And without *Bribe-worthy* Service,
He acquired, or more properly created,
A MINISTERIAL ESTATE.

He was the only Perſon of his Time,
Who could *Cheat* without the Maſk of *Honeſty*,
Retain his primæval *Meanneſs*, when poſſeſſed of
Ten Thouſand a Year,
And having deſerved the Gibbet for what he *did*,
Was at laſt condemned to it for what he *could* not *do*.
O! indignant Reader,
Think not his Life uſeleſs to Mankind!
Providence connived at his execrable Deſigns,
To give to After-Ages a conſpicuous
Proof and *Example*,
Of how ſmall Eſtimation is *exorbitant Wealth*
In the Sight of God, by his beſtowing it on
The moſt *unworthy* of *All Mortals*.

This infamous Fellow was worth *Seven Thouſand Pounds a Year* Eſtate in Land, and about *one Hundred Thouſand* in Money.

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THE

PATTERN of GOODNESS,

VIZ.

JOHN KYRLE, Gent. He died in the Year 1724, aged 90, and lies Interred in the Chancel of the Church of *Roſs* in *Herefordſhire*. His true Name was almoſt loſt, partly by the Title of *The Man of Roſs* (given him by way of Eminence) and partly by being Buried without ſo much as an Inſcription.

NO Miſer's Praiſes ſhall my Theme engroſs,
Riſe, honeſt Muſe! and ſing *The Man of Roſs.*
Pleas'd *Vaga* echoes thro' her winding Bounds,
And rapid *Severn* hoarſe Applauſe reſounds.
Who hung with Woods yon Mountain's ſultry Brow?
From the dry Rock, who bade the Waters flow?
Not to the Skies in uſeleſs Columns toſt,
Or in proud Falls magnificently loſt,

But

But clear and artleſs, pouring thro' the Plain,
Health to the Sick, and Solace to the Swain.
Whoſe Cauſe-way parts the Vale with ſhady
Rows?
Whoſe Seats the weary Traveller repoſe?
Who taught that Heav'n-directed Spire to riſe?
The *Man* of *Roſs*, each liſping-Babe replies.
Behold the Market-Place with Poor o'er-
ſpread!
The *Man* of *Roſs* divides the weekly Bread:
He feeds yon Alms-Houſe, neat, but void
of State,
Where Age and Want ſit ſmiling at the Gate,
Him portion'd Maids, apprentic'd Orphans
bleſt,
The Young who labour, and the Old who reſt.
Is any Sick? the *Man* of *Roſs* relieves,
Preſcribes, attends, the Med'cine makes, and
gives.
Is there a Variance? enter but his Door,
Baulk'd are the Courts, and Conteſt is no more.
Deſpairing Quacks with Curſes fled the Place,
And vile Attornies, now an uſeleſs Race.
Thrice happy Man! enabled to purſue
What All ſo wiſh, but want the Pow'r to do.
O! ſay, what Sums that gen'rous Hand ſupply?
What Mines to ſwell that boundleſs Charity?

Of Debts and Taxes, Wife and Children clear,
This Man poſſeſt — five hundred Pounds a Year,
Bluſh Grandeur, bluſh! proud Courts withdraw your Blaze!
Ye *little Stars* hide your diminiſh'd Rays.
And what? no Monument, Inſcription, Stone?
His Race, his Form, his Name almoſt unknown?
Who builds a Church to God, and not to Fame,
Will never mark the Marble with his Name;
Go ſearch it there, * where *to be Born and Die*,
Of Rich and Poor makes all the Hiſtory;
Enough that Virtue fill'd the Space between;
Prov'd by the Ends of Being to have been
When *Hopkins* dies, a thouſand Lights attend
The Wretch, who living, ſav'd a Candle's End;
And never was to Rich or Poor a Friend.

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